Dear Dick (I presume David is still away), 3/1/93

As I indicate in something I'm holding for an enclosure to send you, my head is not clear today so I hope this is. I am calling to your attention a 10-year old book that may be ready for a reprint that I think can be successful. Lil is copying the dustjacket and an article. I've just gotten the book and have not had time to read it. How it all happened may also hold some interest if not literary possibilities.

Last week I had a phone call from a stranger in Birmingham, Alabama, from Dan Moore, former deputy chief United States Marshal there. He was impressed by my appearance on the Fox King assassination special. He lost his job over his determination to try to do something about corruption, particularly judicial corruption, in Birmingham. Although confined to a wheelchair, he is still trying. In the course of our conversation, it turned out that he knew a friend with whom I lost contact a decade or so ago, Jeff Prugh, then the LA Times ~~Birm~~ Atlanta office. He said he'd be in touch with Jeff and would ask him to phone me. Jeff did, and we had another long talk.

Jeff coauthored a book on the sensational Atlanta murder case of Wayne Williams. I enclose an article he wrote on it. It refers to an ABC Nightline show about to be aired. Jeff tells me it was savaged by the Atlanta Journal and Constitution and although completed was not aired. I think I recapsulate with reasonable accuracy in saying that the entire black Atlanta establishment was involved in pinning a bunch of unsolved murders of blacks on a convenient goat who was without resources, influence or friends who could be very helpful. However, as the article and dust jacket indicate, there was a man who cared and who tried, Dettlinger, who wrote book Jeff coauthored.

Jeff is certain there was a miscarriage of justice. After all these years the case is under appeal. One of the lawyers handling the appeal is Dershowitz. If Williams prevails this work may well be the cause of it.

The rights after 10 years may well have reverted. If so this means it could be available for quality paperback reprint, probably also with new information added.

I know Jeff as a fine person and a fine, careful reporter. He is temporarily back with the LA Times on its San Fernando Valley edition. 818/772-3200.

I write in haste on the chance that if ~~these~~ this seems of possible interest and is available, perhaps you'll get it before David returns. Jeff sent me the copy of the book and I suppose could give David one.

Best to you all,

Harold